

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-10 and 14-33 are pending in the current application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 10, 14-17 and 20-29 are amended, and claims 11-13 have been cancelled. By this Amendment, claim 33 is added. Claims 1, 14, 17, and 20-23 are the independent claims.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the telephone interview conducted on April 20, 2008. As indicated below, Applicants have amended the independent claims as discussed during the interview to overcome the Kikuchi reference. Applicants respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and issue a Notice of Allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-15, 17, 18, 20-24, 26 and 28-30

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 7-15, 17, 18, 20-24, 26 and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawabe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,031,962, hereinafter “Sawabe”) in view of Kikuchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,870,523, hereinafter “Kikuchi”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

As discussed during the interview, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to recite, *inter alia*, “the entry point map mapping a presentation time stamp to an address for a corresponding entry point of the video data”, “the playitem indicating at least one clip information file for an associated reproduction path used by the corresponding playitem” and “the stream file, the clip information file, and the playlist file including different file extensions

from one another.” As agreed to by the Examiner, the cited portions of Kikuchi do not disclose or suggest these features. Sawabe fails to cure the deficiencies of Kikuchi. Therefore, Kikuchi and Sawabe, alone or in combination, fail to render independent claim 1 obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Independent claims 14, 17 and 20-23 have been amended to include features similar to the above-recited features of claim 1, and therefore are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above. Claims 2, 4, 7-10, 15, 18, 24, 26 and 28-30, dependent on claims 1, 14, 17 and 20-23, are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 5, 16, 19, 25 and 27

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 16, 19, 25 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawabe in view of Kikuchi and further in view of Sugimoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,470,140, hereinafter “Sugimoto”). Claims 5, 16, 19, 25 and 27, dependent on claims 1, 14, 17 and 22-23, are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above. For reasons that are apparent, Sugimoto fails to overcome the deficiencies of Sawabe and Kikuchi. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 5, 16, 19, 25 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Claims 31-32

The Examiner has rejected claims 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawabe in view of Kikuchi and further in view of Kato (U.S. Patent No. 7,106,946, hereinafter “Kato”). Claims 31-32, dependent on claims 22-23, are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above. For reasons that are apparent, Kato fails to overcome the deficiencies

of Sawabe and Kikuchi. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

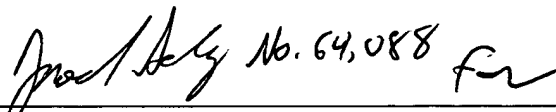
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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